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2010: A new year of changes and challenges

The year 2009 went out with a flurry of activity, and the new year of 2010 shows every indication of being just as busy.

Thus far the weather has cooperated and, as of this writing, the current El Nino year is providing us with a record warm January. I am in hopes the warmer, drier weather pattern continues to ease the threat of potential flooding as a result of conditions at the Howard Hanson Dam.

Since the last *Hazelnut*, the word 'change' has been the order of the day throughout the City in the area of staffing. Our City Administrator **Rhonda Berry**, who had been with Tukwila for 19 years, was selected to join the new administration of Dow Constantine, King County Executive, in the position of Assistant Deputy County Executive.

We are all happy to welcome **Steve Lancaster** back to Tukwila as our new City Administrator effective January 19. Steve worked for Tukwila for 12 years before taking a position with the

City of Mercer Island over the last 2½ years.

On January 15, Tukwila Parks and Recreation Director **Bruce Fletcher** left for a position – ironically – with the City of Mercer Island.

We wish Bruce and Rhonda the very best and thank them for their years of service and many accomplishments while serving Tukwila and its citizens.

The positive side: The City completed the annexation of 259 acres of land (a portion of the 512-acre "Tukwila South" project) that officially became a part of Tukwila at midnight on December 31, 2009. The City plans to start construction by May on a new five-lane road from South 180th Street to South 200th Street. This important transportation and economic development project will be funded by a combination of federal, state, local and developer contributions. Site work to prepare the adjacent private property for future development will be undertaken by Segale Properties at the same time as road construction moves forward.

The negative side: The City is still experiencing effects from the economic downturn, and sales tax revenues have not returned anywhere close to our budgeted levels. We are working on many internal cost control issues and completely rethinking the way we do business as compared to the better economic times of the past. I feel confident we will weather this economic storm and we still have considerable interest from new businesses expressing a desire to locate in Tukwila.

In closing, I think we may have good news to report in the near future on a city-wide community newspaper, but I will wait until the details have been finalized for that announcement. We have wanted another media to communicate with all our residents and businesses on a regular basis, and a community newspaper would satisfy that need.

Jim Haggerton
Mayor



AHAB siren tested successfully

On January 20, Tukwila's All Hazard Alert Broadcast (AHAB) siren was tested successfully. Located on top of a tower at Fire Station #51 in the City's central business district, the AHAB siren is intended for use in alerting citizens to imminent danger and signals the need for immediate action. When sounded, all residents, visitors and businesses in the area should immediately turn on a radio and listen to AM 1640, designated as one of the City's emergency messaging sources.

Schedule information about future tests of the AHAB system will be available through eList notifications, online at www.ci.tukwila.wa.us, on Comcast TV21, radio AM1640, or the City's Emergency Management Office at 206-431-2189.

The purchase, construction and installation of the AHAB siren is a critical piece of Tukwila's ongoing mission to improve emergency communications and disaster readiness in the City. Learn more about the AHAB siren on the City's website.

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS: OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2009

OCTOBER 2009

Appointed Michael West to Position #6 on Community-Oriented Policing Citizens Advisory Board.

Approved resolution expressing City Council's opposition to Initiative 1033 appearing on 11/03/09 ballot.

Adopted ordinance establishing new regulations regarding water and sewer bill leak adjustments, and adopted a Utility Leak Adjustment Policy.

Authorized lease agreement with Casan Enterprises, for relocation of Seattle Southside Visitors Service Center to 3100 South 176th Street in SeaTac.

Authorized amendment to Contract #04-025 with David Evans & Associates to complete 10% remaining design work for Southcenter Pkwy Extension.

Authorized agreement with Perteet Engineering, Inc., for mapping of all storm drainage and survey monuments within public right-of-ways for Area 6 of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) Inventory.

Authorized purchase of six Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) traffic control cabinets from Western Systems of Everett for Tukwila International Boulevard Phases II and III.

Approved resolution in support of Seattle's proposal to host the 2018 or 2022 Federation Internationale de Football (aka Soccer) Association World Cup.

Adopted ordinance establishing new regulations regarding taxation of water, sewer and surface water utility funds.

Approved resolutions relative to existence of emergency requiring City to address hazard resulting from Howard Hanson Dam's diminished capacity.

For up-to-date information about Council meetings, agendas, and activities, visit <http://www.ci.tukwila.wa.us>

NOVEMBER 2009

Accepted donation from the Duwamish Improvement Club for Codiga Park Improvement project – \$5,221.29.

Authorized transfer of funds from various City departments to General fund, to provide for 2009 departmental budget reductions.

Held public hearing regarding 2009–2010 Biennial Budget amendment.

Appointed Zakariya Palsha and Carolyn Barge to Equity and Diversity Commission, with terms to expire 07/31/2010.

Held public hearing and approved ordinance ordering improvement of urban access for Southcenter area, in accordance with Resolution No. 1698; establishing Klickitat Local Improvement District No. 33, and ordering carrying out of proposed improvement.

Held public hearing on and approved ordinance increasing regular property tax levy one percent from the previous year, commencing January 1, 2010.

Approved resolution adopting new Public Works Fee Schedule.

Authorized settlement agreement between the City and Legacy Partners.

DECEMBER 2009

Presented Recycler of the Year award to Complete Office.

Appointed Maureen Huffman and Miesa Berry to Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

Authorized settlement agreement between City and CHA Southcenter, LLC.

Adopted ordinance amending 2009–2010 Biennial Budget.

Adopted 2010-2015 Financial Planning Model and Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Awarded contracts to Phillip Hallstrom PJKH, LLC and Lunar Cow for redesigns of website and vacation planner for Seattle Southside Visitors' Services Center.

Adopted ordinance establishing new regulations regarding City cash reserves.

Adopted ordinance finalizing Tukwila South annexation.

Approved resolution in support of Tukwila School District's capital levy for instructional technology and school improvements.

Adopted several ordinances relative to approval of Shoreline Master Program update for City, incorporating new State regulations.

Council Coffee Chat

It's an opportunity for an informal visit with your Councilmembers, to tell them what's on your mind about Tukwila! For more info, call 206-433-1834

Coffee Chat Schedule

Day: 2nd Saturday every month
Time: 10:00AM to 12:00NOON
Location: Starbucks on Interurban
13038 Interurban Avenue
Dates: Saturday, February 13
Saturday, March 13
Saturday, April 10

This year marks the beginning of a new decade, with a host of new opportunities and challenges. Unfortunately, as we all know well, 2009 ended with a major recession in full swing. Because of that, the City Council will be focusing much of its attention during the first half of 2010 on the City budget deficit challenge. This deficit is the result of growing costs, the world-wide recession, and unplanned expenses preparing for potential flooding in the Green River Valley.

The City's Financial Plan shows significant, growing deficits during our six-year planning cycle and there is very little help in the latest national, state, and regional level economic forecasts. The City Council is responsible for setting policy, especially financial policy, and your Councilmembers take this role very seriously.

Because of this responsibility, the Council has begun detailed reviews of all City programs and services, cost-cutting opportunities, and potential sources of new revenue. It is our intention to finalize this budget balancing process in early Spring. We'll do our best to minimize impacts on our citizens, especially those least able to fend for themselves; however, some service reductions are to be expected.

This coming year isn't going to be just about budget cuts, however. We have a wonderful City full of ideas and opportunities and your City Council would love to discuss things we can do better, bigger or newer. Call us, email us, meet us at our Coffee chats, or just corner us at the local grocery store. We want to work for you.

Dennis Robertson, 2010 Council President

2010 Special Event Sponsorship Opportunities

Are you a local business that is searching for creative, interactive ways to reach new, loyal and active customers? If so, the Tukwila's Parks & Recreation Department would like to partner with you for community events and celebrations. Sponsors are being sought on an ongoing basis for a variety of spring and summer community-wide events including:

- 10th Annual Backyard Wildlife Festival (Saturday, May 8)
- Tukwila's Family Fourth at Fort Dent Park (Sunday, July 4)
- Summer Outdoor Cinema Series (Friday nights, July 30–August 20)
- Tukwila Days Community Festival (Saturday, August 21)

By partnering with Tukwila Parks and Recreation, you can increase your business exposure and – at the same time – strengthen your community connections. Working together, you can tailor a sponsorship package that will meet your needs. Please contact Tracy Galloway at 206-768-2822.

Tukwila Police offer tips for home & auto break-ins

When a thief breaks into your home or auto, the intense sense of violation cannot be dismissed or downplayed. It lasts long past the time it takes to replace the stolen property. You can take steps to keep it from happening to you and your family.

Neighbors Helping Each Other

Being on the alert for people and activities that appear out of place in your neighborhood is very effective. See something that looks suspicious? Call 911.

Be aware of:

- Persons going door to door or loitering.
- Strange vehicles, especially if they are parked with someone in them.
- Flashlights.
- People taking things out of a neighbor's house.
- Non-routine noises: breaking glass, house or auto alarms, a usually quiet dog that's barking.

Deter burglars, keep your home safer

- Know your neighbors and make sure they know you.
- Trim landscaping so your windows and doors are visible to neighbors.

- Put several lights on a light sensor switch or variable timer.
- Always lock all doors and windows, even when you're only gone for a few minutes or out in the back yard.
- Make sure your triggered home alarm can be heard by the intruder.
- Someone knocks at your door, then acts suspiciously when you answer? Tries the doorknob? Call 911.

Car Prowl Prevention

- Lock your car doors and windows.
- **NEVER** leave GPS units, laptops, luggage or other possessions in the vehicle where they can be seen, even if your car is locked.
- When removing electronics, also hide brackets and close power port.
- If you place items in your trunk, do it before reaching your destination.
- Keep your keys with you, don't leave in an onboard "hiding place".
- Do not leave personal information or credit cards in your car.

If you'd like to schedule a personal home security survey, please contact Community Policing Coordinator Chris Partman at 206-431-2197.

Come see what's happening at Tukwila Pool

In this new year, City of Tukwila Pool will be offering some new programs, including a **Balance and Mobility Class**, a low-impact class performed in the shallow water. No previous swimming experience necessary.

Class begins Tuesday, February 2
Tuesdays and Thursdays
11:00 to 11:45AM
Drop-in fee: \$4.00 per session
Instructed by Dee England

Our own Coach Malcolm is gearing up for another season of the **Special Olympics swim team**. All are welcome. The participants must be at least 8 years old and able to practice.

Registration starts February 1. Beginning March 19, practice will be held on Friday afternoons from 3:30–5:00PM. The season ends June 4. Come and cheer on the returning team.

Stop by for details on these and a variety of other programs we offer here at the Tukwila Pool.

Senior News: Golden Games

Tukwila resident Helen Ives represented the Tukwila Senior Program in the first annual “Golden Games” held on November 2. This competition drew participants from several South Sound area senior centers, with events such as swimming, pickleball tournament, blackjack, Wii Bowling, and much more! Helen was Tukwila’s shining star by taking a 1st in the Spelling Bee competition, 1st place in Dingle Ball, and 3rd place in the swimming race. The Tukwila Parks and Recreation Department congratulates Helen for her achievements and representing our City in a “golden” way!



Holiday miracles made possible by local citizens and businesses

Each year the Tukwila Parks and Recreation Department and Community Schools Collaboration coordinates a Holiday Giving Program through which local children and families receive gifts, meals, and a lot of hope prior to the holidays. We would like to thank and recognize the following businesses, community organizations, and local citizens for their generosity in helping make this program possible.

Advent Print Resources • The Allen Family • The Bartley Family
Borders Books • City of Tukwila Department of Community Development
City of Tukwila Parks and Recreation Department
City of Tukwila Public Works Department
Cascade View Elementary School • Community School Collaboration
Delta White Center Masonic Lodge • Embassy Suites • Fatigue Technology
Insurance Professionals of South King County • Macy's Star Council
Macy's Operation and Logistics Department • The Rayner Family
Riverton Park Methodist Church • Southgate Garden Club
Starfire Sports • Tukwila Food Pantry • Tukwila Learning Center Preschool
Tukwheelers • Tukwila Rotary • Zee Medical

Because of you, over 150 local children were able to have a more joyous holiday season! Thank you for your thoughtfulness!

Personal training for fitness

Do you need motivation reaching specific fitness goals? Whether you want to achieve weight loss, muscular toning, cardiovascular endurance, or overall improvement of health and wellness, Tukwila Community Center's Personal Trainer will design a detailed program and motivate you to achieve your individual fitness goals.

- Bring a friend and ask us about our Buddy Pass Discount.
- Interested in working with our Certified Personal Trainer? Email us at personaltrainer@ci.tukwila.wa.us
- Join our Thursday lunchtime group training program with Coach Eric!

Physical activity is the key to maintaining a healthy body weight, preventing disease, and feeling better. Physically active adults and children are less prone to obesity, diabetes, heart disease... and even depression.

**Bellydancercise • Body Sculpting
Boot Camp • Jazzercise
Karate • Pilates • Tae Kwon Do
West African and African Diaspora Dance
Yoga/Gentle Yoga • Zumba**

Check out TCC's awesome selection of fitness classes in our online brochure:

[http://www.ci.tukwila.wa.us/
recreation/recbrochure.html](http://www.ci.tukwila.wa.us/recreation/recbrochure.html)

February Activities at TCC

FREE Local Hoop Shoot

Wednesday, February 10 at 6:00PM
For boys and girls ages 5 thru 14

FREE Local Hot Spot Competition

Wednesday, February 10 at 7:00PM
For boys and girls ages 7 thru 14

Family Movie Nights on the Big Screen

Saturday, February 27
Doors open 6:00PM
Call 206-768-2822 for cost
and movie information.



Tukwila International Boulevard project

Progress continues on the Tukwila International Boulevard (TIB) Phase II and III roadway improvement project, between S. 116th and S. 139th Streets. Work is currently wrapping up on the east side of the roadway, and traffic will be gradually shifted to the west side for construction activity through the spring of 2010.

The traffic revisions will start on the northern end of the project (near the Department of Homeland Security building) and progress to the south as work is completed on the east side of TIB. The S. 130th Street intersection will reopen to TIB traffic early in the revisions, and the connection to 37th Avenue South on the east side of TIB will be permanently closed, allowing completion of wall construction in this area.

The project is currently on schedule and within budget, and slated for completion by the fall of 2010. The City appreciates the dedication and quality work of the construction team, as well as the ongoing patience of the local community and commuters who use the corridor daily.

Stormwater Management Program National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System update

Under state and federal regulations, the City of Tukwila is required to evaluate its stormwater education program, by surveying and measuring our residents' understanding of practices that impact the City's surface water system.

Your help is requested!

Some surface water customers received a brief survey along with their bill; we appreciate your cooperation in completing and returning it. Answers to the survey questions will be used to evaluate the general level of understanding of the City's surface water system and help us to prioritize spending of public education resources.

An informed and knowledgeable community is crucial to the success of a stormwater management program since it helps to ensure the following:

- Increased program support through an expanded understanding of why it is necessary and important.
- Greater program compliance as we accept the responsibilities expected of ourselves and other community members, including our personal actions taken to protect or improve the quality of area waters.

More surface water information will follow in the next *Hazelnut* issue.

Utility rate increases for 2010

In order to keep pace with the City's water and sewer utility costs, a rate increase has been approved by the City Council for 2010. The expenses to operate and maintain the City's infrastructure have increased each year due to aging pipe, pump facility maintenance, and Cascade Water Alliance's wholesale water charges. Effective January 2010, the minimum **water charge** for residential customers will increase from \$6.00 per month to \$8.00.

Flat residential **sewer rates** will increase from \$11.64 to \$13.39. Commercial rates will increase from \$20.37 to \$23.42 per 750 cubic feet of water consumption. Monthly sewer bills also include the King County Metro sewage treatment charge of \$31.90, which is unchanged for 2010.

King County Council has increased the sewer capacity charge in 2010. The current charge of \$47.64 per month (set up as a payment plan for 15 years) will increase to \$49.07 per month in 2010. The sewer capacity charge only affects **new sewer hookups** from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010.

Surface Water fees will also increase this year. The current rate for single-family parcels will increase from \$71.00 per year to \$85.00. However, ours is still one of the lowest rates in the area for surface water fees.



What's New(s) in Human Services

Human Services Office
Evie – 206-433-7180
Stacy – 206-433-7181
tukhserv@ci.tukwila.wa.us

Crisis Clinic
(24-hour line)
206-461-3222
1-866-427-4747

Minor home repair program

"I was very glad to have found out about the program." "Very helpful." "Everyone has been most kind and helpful. Thanks to all." "Thank you so much for your prompt response to my problem." These are some of the comments from our recent Minor Home Repair survey. Twenty-four residents were served with 42 jobs in 2009. Once again, the Tukwila Office of Human Services will be offering the grant-based Minor Home Repair Program to low- and moderate-income homeowners. This federally-funded program offers the services of licensed contractors to address minor home repair needs for Tukwila residents who have owned their home for a year and have no plans to sell. Repairs that are too large or costly for the program are referred to the King County Housing Repair program.

Typical repairs include:

- *Electrical – faulty lights, switches, plugs*
- *Plumbing- faulty water heaters, toilets, clogged drains and leaking faucets*
- *Disability Aids – installation of grab bars, hand rails, access ramps, hand held showerheads*
- *Preventive maintenance – furnace, gutter cleaning*

All jobs require authorization and prescreening by Human Services staff. Homeowners must submit proof of all sources of income for 2009. Residents that have used services previously are screened for the amount of funds already granted. Health and safety needs are prioritized. Call the Human Services Office at 206-433-7180 to apply.

Learn English as a Second Language (ESL)

FREE ESL classes are available to immigrants or refugees living in Tukwila. Literacy Source offers a free ESL class at the Samara Apartment Complex, 3434 South 144th Street in Tukwila. Paid for by the City of Tukwila, this class is for adult students of all levels to improve their skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing English. Participants also learn about life and work skills and American customs – filling out applications and writing resumes, handling money and shopping, discussing their bodies and health with doctors or dentists – that help them as newcomers to the United States. To register, drop by the class between 6:00 and 8:00PM on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

Earned Income Tax Credit, free tax preparation

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a refundable federal income tax credit for low- to moderate-income working individuals and families. An EITC exceeding the amount of taxes owed results in a tax refund to those who claim and qualify for the credit.

The EITC has no effect on certain welfare benefits. In most cases EITC payments will not be used to determine eligibility for Medicaid, Supplemental Social Security Income (SSI), food stamps, low income housing or most Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) payments.

Individuals/families making less than \$50,000 and needing tax preparation assistance this year can use one of the many FREE tax preparation sites. Preparation is provided by IRS certified volunteers, who will assist filers in determining their eligibility for the EITC and Child Tax Credit. Bring along your bank account information to have your refund set up for direct deposit. The following tax preparation sites are available for Tukwila residents:

SeaTac: Village at Angle Lake Community Services building
4040 South 188th Street – English and Spanish
Tuesdays 6:00–9:00PM, Saturdays 9:00AM–1:00PM

SeaTac Airport, in the Airport Jobs Office
Thursdays 5:00–8:00PM, Saturdays 10:00AM–2:00PM

Renton: Salvation Army – Renton Rotary Food Bank
206 South Tobin Street – English/Chinese/Spanish
Tuesday/Wednesday 5:00–9:00PM, Sunday 12:00–4:00PM

For more information or to find other sites, please call 1-877-211-9274, or go online to unitedwayofkingcounty.org/taxhelp

Transportation volunteers receive mileage reimbursement

Senior Services Transportation Program – which provides essential assistance to seniors in the Tukwila area by arranging transportation to medical appointments – urgently needs more volunteer drivers. As a program volunteer, you're giving not just a ride, but a helping hand and a listening ear for seniors in the Tukwila area. Our program is FLEXIBLE – you drive your own vehicle and choose the weekdays, times and areas in which you'd like to drive. We offer mileage reimbursement and supplemental liability insurance. For more information, please call Senior Services Transportation Program at 206-748-7588, email melissat@seniorservices.org, or apply online at www.seniorservices.org.



Complete Office: Tukwila's 2009 Business Recycler of the Year

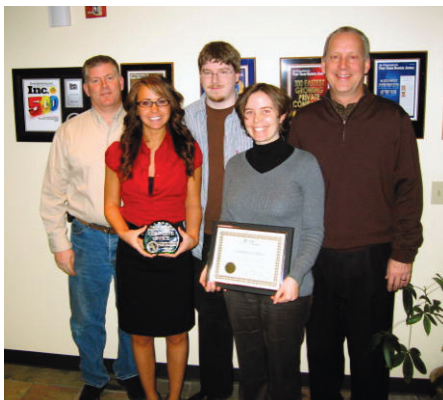
Congratulations to Complete Office, located at 11521 East Marginal Way South in Tukwila, for being chosen as 2009's Business Recycler of the Year. A full-service office supply store with approximately 50 employees, Complete Office began recycling to set a good example for its customers and also to save money and resources in its operations. Complete Office staff started its recycling and waste reduction program in 2009. By year's end, they had achieved an amazing 81% recycling rate! The initiative, ideas and inspiration came from the Green Team, staffed with members of each department and senior management.

Complete Office's 2009 achievements include the following:

- Recycled 36,000 pounds of scrap wood and 100,000 pounds of paper/plastic and cardboard in 2009.
- Saved approximately \$2,300 per year by recycling materials.
- Changed warehouse lighting from metal halides to T5 lighting, to save \$2,400 per year in energy costs.
- Emailed environmental tips to employees and customers.
- Formed a green team with members of each department and senior management.
- Organized a Green Symposium for clients to promote green initiatives and educate on green products.
- Recycled paper, plastic, glass, aluminum, wood pallets, toner cartridges, fluorescent bulbs, styrofoam, batteries and organic waste.

Check out more highlights at Complete Office's "green website":

www.complete-office.com/gogreen.php



*The
Complete Office
"Green Team"*

Five ways to reduce waste in 2010!

1. Use reusable (not disposable) items

- Coffee cups, water glasses, grocery bags
- Plates, cups, napkins, flatware
- Cloth towels (instead of paper towels)

2. Use less paper

- Print and copy double-sided
- Cancel junk mail (www.DMAchoice.org) and catalogs (www.catalogchoice.org)
- Call off the phone books: www.yellowpagesgoesgreen.org

3. Reduce packaging

- Buy bulk, not individual, servings
- Use a pitcher and glasses, instead of single-serving cans and bottles
- Buy local produce and drink tap water

4. Compost organics at home

- Leave short grass clippings on the lawn
- Mulch your garden – spread leaves and clippings under trees and shrubs
- Turn yard debris into compost.
Send an email to recycle@ci.tukwila.wa.us or phone 206-431-3683 for a copy of "A User's Guide to Compost"

5. Buy, sell or donate used clothing, appliances, electronics & furniture

- www.takeitbacknetwork.org
- www.freecycle.org
- www.craigslist.org
- www.kashless.org

*For more information, please contact
Recycling Coordinator Rebecca Fox –
Phone: 206-431-3683
Email: recycle@ci.tukwila.wa.us*

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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

7:00PM in Council Chambers

Regular Meetings 1st/3rd Mondays
Work Meetings2nd/4th Mondays
Agenda Info Line.....206-431-3656

CITY OFFICES

Mayor's Office

Jim Haggerton, Mayor206-433-1805
Steve Lancaster, City Admin.206-433-1851
City Clerk's Office206-433-1800
Economic Development206-433-1832
Human Services206-433-7180
Municipal Court.....206-433-1840
Tourism/Marketing.....206-575-2489

Community Development Dept.

Jack Pace, Director206-431-3670
Code Enforcement206-431-3682

Finance Department

Shawn Hunstock, Director206-433-1835

Fire Department

Nick Olivas, Chief206-575-4404

Human Resources Department

Stephanie Brown, Director206-433-1831
Personnel.....206-433-1831
City Job Line206-433-1828

Information Technology Department

Mary Miotke, Director206-433-7150

Parks/Recreation Department

.....206-767-2342

Police Department

David Haynes, Chief206-433-1808

Public Works Department

Bob Giberson, Director.....206-433-0179

Emergency

Fire, Police.....911

TUKWILA COMMUNITY CENTER

12424 - 42nd Avenue South
Recreation Division206-768-2822
Senior Center/Services.....206-767-2323

TUKWILA CITY POOL

4414 S. 144th Street.....206-267-2350

FOSTER GOLF LINKS

13500 Interurban Avenue South
Pro Shop206-242-4221

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Postmaster:

*If named addressee
has moved, deliver
to current resident.*

To help us correct addresses or eliminate duplicates, please call 206-433-1800.

City of Tukwila's Code Enforcement Cares

Tukwila's Code Enforcement division responds to a variety of complaints from citizens regarding weed overgrowth, junk vehicles, debris, substandard housing and other nuisances. We notify the property owners and work with them to clean up their property.



Sometimes, in the course of our investigation, we discover that the property owners are unable to comply; age, poverty, disability, mental health issues, etc., prevent or limit their ability to do the work.

Community volunteers, individuals and groups work with our Volunteer Coordinator and Code Enforcement to assist these citizens in cleaning up their property. For example, the Church of Tukwila – a coalition of local congregations – has designated the first Saturday of June every year as their “Faith in Action” event. In the past, they have cleared blackberries, hauled trash, removed weeds, and cut grass for folks who are unable to do so. This is a great benefit, not only to the property owner, but also for the entire community.

You can help your community in several ways:

- Contact Volunteer Coordinator Tracy Gallaway to volunteer your assistance. There are many opportunities available to help. Call 206-768-2822.
- If you know of someone who appears to struggle with yard work, debris or other issues, contact Code Enforcement and we can investigate and possibly help, if they are in need of assistance. Call 206-431-3682 or 206-431-3676.
- Plan to participate in an organized volunteer event, like the annual Faith in Action event. It is amazing what a group of individuals can accomplish in a very short time. Contact Tracy Gallaway at 206-768-2822 for more information.
- Rally your neighbors to “adopt” a local park or, better yet, a neighbor in need. On-going assistance with physical tasks like lawn mowing or other routine work can be divided among neighbors and not be a burden on any one person.

Volunteer Program email: volunteer@ci.tukwila.wa.us

Code Enforcement email: tukcode@ci.tukwila.wa.us

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